

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated hereafter. It is believed that the following amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

### *In the Specification:*

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 2, line 14-26 as follows:

One solution presently in operation is the Personal Number ~~System~~Service ("PNS"), which is described in commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 5,764,747 ~~Application Serial No. 07/936,384~~. The PNS from BellSouth Wireless gives a subscriber the ability to be contacted by other callers regardless of the subscriber's location. This is accomplished by providing a single point of contact for each subscriber in the form of a personal number. In addition, each subscriber provides the system with communication routing information in the form of one or more "destination lists" or "routing lists". The routing list contains various directory numbers ~~which~~that identify phone lines where the subscriber may be accessed. Calls placed to the subscriber's personal number will be routed by the PNS to the various destination numbers until either the subscriber is located or the list of destination numbers has been exhausted.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 4, line 11-29 as follows:

If the call is answered, the identification announcement is delivered to the answering party. The answering party is prompted to provide disposition information ~~which~~ indicating whether the call is formally accepted or formally rejected. A formal acceptance occurs when the call is answered and the answering party provides an indication that the call is accepted. This indication may take the form of pressing a key on the phone to transmit a particular dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) ~~DTMF~~ signal or simply maintaining the phone in an "off-hook" state for a specific period of time. A formal rejection occurs when the call is answered and the answering party decides not to accept the call. Similar to a formal acceptance, a formal rejection can include pressing a key to transmit a DTMF signal. In addition, the party can return the receiver to an "on-hook" state within a specific period of time. A call is considered to be successfully routed when either a formal acceptance or formal rejection is received. If the call is not formally accepted or formally rejected, then the call is informally rejected. An informal rejection implies that the call was not successfully routed to the destination. This can occur when the call is (a) not answered, (b) a busy signal is received, or (c) the call is answered by an answering machine, recording or error message.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 6, line 23-26 as follows:

These and other objects, features, and advantages of the present invention ~~being~~will be more clearly understood and appreciated from a review of the following detailed description of the disclosed embodiment and by reference to the appended drawings and claims.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 7, line 2 as follows:

Fig. 1 is a diagram depicting the present invention as operating within an integrated portion of ~~the~~a public switched telephone network PSTN (PSTN).